



In re Application of: Jeff A. Gessaman  
Application No. 10/695,403  
Filed: October 28, 2003  
For: VALVE HAVING PRESSURE BALANCING PISTON AND METHOD INVOLVING SAME

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action in the subject application.

Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

Petition for an extension of time for the period noted below, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.

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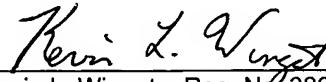
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of March 24, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** being on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8</b>			
I hereby certify that this Response to Office Action and all accompanying documents are, on the date indicated below, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or <input type="checkbox"/> being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Attention: Examiner , Art Unit , Facsimile Number .			
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